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FM AMCONSUL DURBAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1646

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, SF

SUBJ: NEW DURBAN PORT SURCHARGES

REF: DURBAN 13

1. SERIOUS CONGESTION CONTINUES PLAGUE DURBAN HARBOR ALTHOUGH SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR BACKLOG AND BERTHING DELAYS HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY HALF, NOW AVERAGING FIVE DAYS. PORT CONTINUING SEVEN-DAY WORK WEEK WITH ADDITIONAL PORT WORKERS IMPORTED FROM PORT ELIZABETH. SOUTH AFRICA/EUROPE CONFERENCE LINES HAVE IMPOSED TEN PER CENT PORT DETENTION SURCHARGE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 11. ALL OTHER MAJOR CONFERENCE LINES IMPOSED SIMILAR SURCHARGE EARLY JANUARY.

2. NEW ROUND BUNKER SURCHARGE AND CURRENCY DEVALUATION SURCHARGE INCREASES ALSO ANNOUNCED BY EUROPEAN CONFERENCE LINES FOR SOUTHBOUND CARGOES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31. BUNKER UNCLASSIFIED

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SURCHARGE INCREASED FROM PREVIOUS FOUR PER CENT TO PRESENT

20 PER CENT, WHILE CURRENCY SURCHARGE RAISED FROM PREVIOUS
15 PER CENT TO CURRENT 20 PER CENT. SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENT
REGARDING NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC EXPECTED SHORTLY. NO INDICATIONS
OTHER CONFERENCE LINES PLANNING INCREASE THEIR BUNKER AND
CURRENCY SURCHARGE BY LIKE AMOUNTS.

3. COMMENT: PORT CONGESTION CONTINUES BE ATTRIBUTED LARGE-
SCALE IMPORTATION ISCOR STEEL THROUGH DURBAN. PRESSURE
INCREASING ON ISCOR AND SAR AND H TO CHANNEL GREATER PORTION
THIS STEEL THROUGH LOURENCO MARQUES, PORT ELIZABETH AND EAST
LONDON. ADDITIONAL FREIGHT SURCHARGES ALSO CAUSING CONSIDER-
ABLE CONCERN LOCAL CHAMBER COMMERCE WHICH ALREADY EXPERIENCING
INFLATIONARY TREND.
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